

Outcomes of Applications for Disability Benefits

Table 56.
Medical decisions at the hearing level or above, by age, year of application, and program, 1992–2001

Year	All decisions			Decisions on applications for SSI only			Decisions on applications for both Social Security and SSI		
	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)
All ages ^b									
1992	280,751	189,656	67.6	128,789	79,307	61.6	151,962	110,349	72.6
1993	327,269	205,051	62.7	153,125	85,140	55.6	174,144	119,911	68.9
1994	333,324	196,490	58.9	156,581	80,483	51.4	176,743	116,007	65.6
1995	297,915	170,338	57.2	144,200	70,238	48.7	153,715	100,100	65.1
1996	268,077	158,110	59.0	126,932	63,932	50.4	141,145	94,178	66.7
1997	233,179	143,169	61.4	109,580	58,869	53.7	123,599	84,300	68.2
1998	214,543	133,635	62.3	102,619	56,228	54.8	111,924	77,407	69.2
1999	209,254	133,751	63.9	99,853	55,705	55.8	109,401	78,046	71.3
2000	169,321	106,814	63.1	80,935	43,812	54.1	88,386	63,002	71.3
2001	42,293	27,064	64.0	20,747	11,110	53.5	21,546	15,954	74.0
Under age 18									
1992	19,988	7,729	38.7	17,979	6,890	38.3	2,009	839	41.8
1993	31,658	10,917	34.5	28,625	9,780	34.2	3,033	1,137	37.5
1994	38,751	13,203	34.1	34,869	11,843	34.0	3,882	1,360	35.0
1995	35,612	11,257	31.6	32,214	10,109	31.4	3,398	1,148	33.8
1996	27,811	9,095	32.7	25,322	8,240	32.5	2,489	855	34.4
1997	19,216	7,210	37.5	17,415	6,510	37.4	1,801	700	38.9
1998	18,208	7,071	38.8	16,569	6,390	38.6	1,639	681	41.5
1999	19,123	7,574	39.6	17,371	6,830	39.3	1,752	744	42.5
2000	16,563	6,394	38.6	15,186	5,845	38.5	1,377	549	39.9
2001	3,984	1,658	41.6	3,723	1,537	41.3	261	121	46.4
Aged 18–64									
1992	260,727	181,899	69.8	110,785	72,398	65.4	149,942	109,501	73.0
1993	295,549	194,085	65.7	124,444	75,317	60.5	171,105	118,768	69.4
1994	294,436	183,202	62.2	121,581	68,560	56.4	172,855	114,642	66.3
1995	262,159	158,984	60.6	111,850	60,039	53.7	150,309	98,945	65.8
1996	239,462	148,302	61.9	100,904	55,073	54.6	138,558	93,229	67.3
1997	213,016	135,168	63.5	91,283	51,622	56.6	121,733	83,546	68.6
1998	195,383	125,804	64.4	85,146	49,122	57.7	110,237	76,682	69.6
1999	189,548	125,711	66.3	81,944	48,449	59.1	107,604	77,262	71.8
2000	152,292	100,079	65.7	65,321	37,657	57.6	86,971	62,422	71.8
2001	38,086	25,224	66.2	16,821	9,408	55.9	21,265	15,816	74.4

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Disability Research File, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Data for the hearing level or above are current through July 2002.

Because a number of applications remain pending for more recent years, the award and allowance rates will change over time.

Applications with a medical decision may be pending a final nonmedical decision or subsequently denied for nonmedical reasons.

A revised process was introduced on October 1, 1999, in 10 states, under which initial denials could be appealed directly to the hearing level without a reconsideration.

a. Rate determined by dividing medical allowances by all medical decisions for that year.

b. Includes applicants aged 65 or older.

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